

Illinois Crop Progress and Condition

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Below average rainfall throughout most of the state allowed farmers to continue harvesting small grains and cutting hay. Statewide, precipitation averaged 0.57 inches, 0.40 inches below normal. The average temperature was 74.8 degrees, 1.2 degrees below normal. There were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending July 26. Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 3 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 30 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 2 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 31 percent surplus. Corn silking increased to 89 percent, slightly behind last year at this time. Corn dough was at 32 percent, an increase of 15 percentage points over last week. Corn condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Soybeans blooming was at 72 percent, compared to 81 percent last year and the 5-year average of 77 percent. Soybeans setting pods was at 31 percent, 10 percentage points behind last year at this time. Soybean condition was rated 6 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. The planting of sorghum and the harvesting of winter wheat neared completion at 95 percent. Pasture and range condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 19 percent excellent.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supply: Week Ending July 26, 2015

District and State	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Supply				Subsoil Moisture Supply			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Northwest	5.4	-	4	74	22	-	3	76	21
Northeast	6.3	-	2	86	12	-	6	78	16
West	3.5	-	-	26	74	-	-	28	72
Central	5.0	-	4	79	17	-	1	78	21
East	5.6	-	1	85	14	-	1	80	19
West Southwest	4.2	-	4	47	49	-	1	61	38
East Southeast	6.4	-	10	58	32	-	7	56	37
Southwest	5.0	-	4	56	40	-	3	58	39
Southeast	4.9	-	1	71	28	-	1	66	33
Illinois	5.2	-	3	67	30	-	2	67	31

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress – Illinois

Item	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	July 26, 2015	July 19, 2015	July 26, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn silking	89	75	92	91
Corn dough	32	17	24	30
Soybeans blooming	72	56	81	77
Soybeans setting pods	31	16	41	34
Sorghum planted	95	93	100	100
Sorghum headed	43	27	38	39
Sorghum turning color	3	1	11	5
Winter wheat harvested	95	91	99	99
Oats harvested	52	31	71	63
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting	73	52	90	91
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	5	1	9	21
Other hay cut ¹	95	92	100	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹ Data not collected prior to 2014.

Crop Condition – Illinois: Week Ending July 26, 2015

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	5	10	28	45	12
Soybeans	6	13	32	41	8
Sorghum	2	9	45	39	5
Oats	1	7	35	49	8
Pasture	1	3	19	58	19

Crop Progress by District: Week Ending July 26, 2015

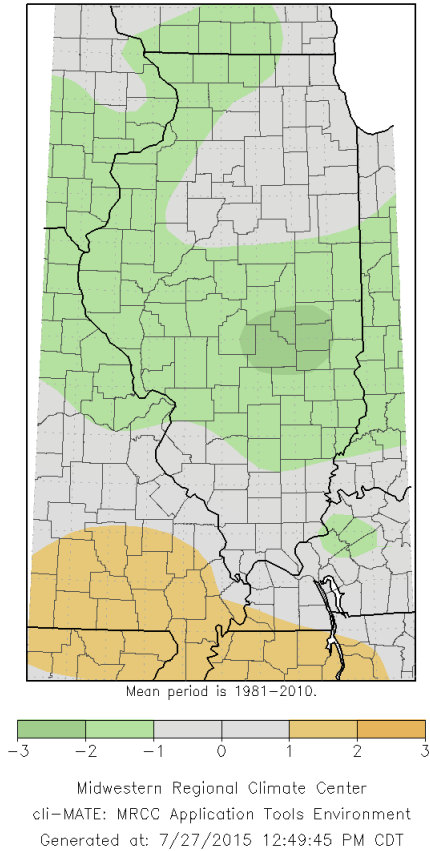
Item	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn silking	92	83	94	95	83	91	89	91	86
Corn dough	35	15	34	39	24	34	39	32	41
Soybeans blooming	77	78	74	82	74	71	73	56	67
Soybeans setting pods	36	34	33	46	27	17	38	16	39

Weather Information: Week Ending July 26, 2015

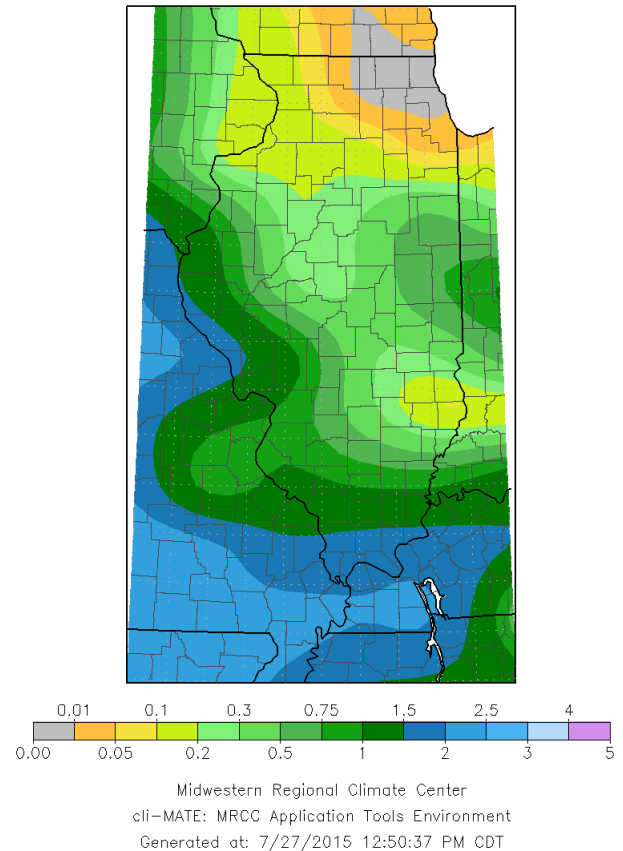
District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	Since May 1	Departure from Normal
	(degrees - F)	(degrees - F)	(inches)	(inches)		
Northwest	72.8	-1.1	0.14	-0.63	1,519	-60
Northeast	73.3	-0.4	0.04	-0.84	1,486	-52
West	74.7	-1.5	0.90	-0.21	1,723	-4
Central	74.2	-1.0	0.30	-0.83	1,714	23
East	73.6	-1.2	0.57	-0.52	1,696	26
West Southwest	75.3	-1.5	1.05	0.07	1,824	37
East Southeast	75.0	-2.0	0.31	-0.71	1,859	61
Southwest	77.8	-0.5	1.05	0.15	1,983	123
Southeast	77.5	-1.0	1.02	0.20	2,001	121
Illinois	74.8	-1.2	0.57	-0.40	1,745	26

Weather data provided by the Midwestern Regional Climate Center: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu>

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
July 20, 2015 to July 26, 2015



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
July 20, 2015 to July 26, 2015



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